

Mr. EWING presented the proceedings of a meeting of citizens of Cleveland, Ohio, in relation to steamboat dis-

providing for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

to protect the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled by steam. They give a statement of the number of accidents, and the loss of life by fire, explosion of steamboats, and collision of steamboats; and they ask

tion, and provide further security and protection of the lives of individuals who may be passengers upon steamboats. The memorial was accompanied by a report and various other papers, all of which he would present to the Senate for their consideration.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the proceed-

Mr. CHASE presented the petition of Mrs. Lawright Browning, widow of Robert L. Browning, late an officer

Mr. WINTHROP gave notice of his intention to ask leave to introduce a bill for the relief of Charles A. Kellett.

Mr. DAVIS, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was recommended the bill to amend "An act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in

Mr. HAMLIN, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the motion to print the message of the President in relation to the history, present condition, and future prospect of the various tribes of Indians, re-

Mr. BALDWIN, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the administrator of Captain Frederick Mills, reported a bill for the relief of Captain Frederick D. Mills, which was read and passed.

Mr. FELCH, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was recommitted the bill to reduce and define the boundaries of the military reserve at the St. Peter's river,

Mr. DAVIS, of Massachusetts, submitted the following resolution; which he asked to have considered immediately.

Resolved, That the Postmaster General be instructed to communicate to the Senate such information as he possesses in regard to the several lines of ocean steamers in the mail service of the United States, in the following particulars:

Third. How much money has been paid to each line,

Fourth. What has been the aggregate of postage which has been derived to the government from each line, and what is the annual amount realized from each?

Fifth. Have the mails been regularly and safely transported and delivered according to the requirements of the

Mr. DICKINSON asked that the resolution should lie over. A portion of the information was already transmitted to the House and printed. In addition to that, a resolution calling for the whole information was now

Mr. DAVIS stated that his only object was to get the information seasonably.

On motion by Mr. GREENE, the Senate, as in committee of the whole, proceeded to the consideration of the act to authorize the payment of invalid pensions in certain cases.

pensions to certain revolutionary officers and soldiers, it was required that the pensions of those who were already on the pension roll should be deducted from a certain time therein mentioned. By the act of 1830, the second

was repealed. The persons who applied for pensions under the act of 1828 were nine, and from these pensions the amount of the invalid pension was in every instance deducted. Two of those persons have since been repaid, upon application to Congress, the amount thus deducted.

seven are the representatives of Gen. Barton, formerly of Rhode Island, who is well known in the history of the country as the captor of Gen. Prescott—a gallant achievement, performed on Narragansett bay, by about forty

and at the time so highly appreciated by Congress that they presented to Gen. Barton a sword. He, like many other officers of the revolution, was obliged to avail himself, in his old age, of the liberality of Congress, and died, as many others of them did, in comparative penury.

ported. It was deemed advisable by the Committee on Pensions and others, that instead of confining the bill to the case of Gen. Barton's heirs, it should embrace the whole number thus situated. The bill was accordingly reported in that form by the Committee on Pensions, and

Commissioner of Pensions. Upon the second reading, when it was reported here, the senator from Kentucky objected to the immediate passage of it on the ground that it might include a larger number than that furnished

My colleague, who had the bill in charge, has prepared an amendment which varies the bill only in this respect: that it inserts the names of these persons, and substitutes the Secretary of War for the Secretary of the Interior. I

The question being taken upon the amendment, it was

The question being stated upon ordering the bill to be engrossed and read a third time,
Mr. DAWSON said: I merely wish to obtain informa-

these officers received a pension under that act, which superseded the pension which existed prior to that time under some preceding act. They were without a pension at no time, and now they wish to increase their pension

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever any one of said officers has received money of the United States, as a newspaper since the third day of March, 1838, aforesaid,

With the permission of the senator, I will read also the

titled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and
 soldiers of the army of the revolution," approved the 15th of
 May, 1838, shall not be construed to embrace invalid pen-
 sions, and that the pension of invalid soldiers shall not be
 deducted from the present payable by them under the

It will be perceived by the Senate that the misfortune, if it could be so called, of Gen. Barton and the other persons named in this list was that their application was made under the act of 1828, instead of being made un-

deferred until the passage of the act of 1890 received the full amount, and their invalid pensions were not deducted from the period mentioned in the act. The object of this bill is to place Gen. Barton and the other seven, who are yet alive, upon the same footing with those who pre-

Mr. BADGER, (in his seat.) The question is whether they shall all fare alike.

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